

# Memorandum

Howard County Fueling Station Task Force Meeting  
Tuesday, August 12, 2014  
Gray Room, George Howard Bldg.  
9am

Start time: 9:04am

Members Present: Regina Aris, Rizwan Siddiqi, Karen Hart, Vernon Thompson, Kathleen Sheedy, Dick King, Jerry Lioi, Ron Meliker

Members Absent: Sharonlee Vogel and Barbara N. Seely

Staff Present: Theodore Wimberly and Bob Lalush (DPZ)

Meeting called to order by Dick King, Chair

Presentations and Discussion:

Department of Planning and Zoning – Bob Lalush – Gave a presentation on the Conditional Use approval process for gas stations. Mr. Lalush walked the group through the 12-step Conditional Use process beginning with the application through the approval of a Site Development Plan.

Mr. Lalush also walked the group through the approval process for gas stations seeking to be located in the NewTown zoning district. Mr. Lalush submitted two Final Development Plans (FDP) from the Owen Brown Village as examples. Mr. Lalush walked the group through the FDPs Special Site Criteria for Gasoline Stations.

Larry J. Silverman, Esq. – Environmental lawyer in Montgomery County involved in the effort against the Costco company in Wheaton, Md. Essentially, Mr. Silverman believes that there should be buffer zones between “hyper” gas stations (stations designed to sell more than 3.6 million gallons per year) and homes, schools, and recreation facilities. Mr. Silverman cited numerous studies that indicate that air quality is negatively impacted by hyper gas stations and offered to be a resource for the task force future deliberations.

Task Force Members conducted an open discussion following the presentations on the volume of gasoline sales and fuel consumption.

Tentative Meeting Schedule – There was a discussion about meeting twice a month.

Meeting closed at 11:45am

-Submitted by: Theodore Wimberly